(c) the steps taken by Government so far or proposed to be taken to contain such type of vandalism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the report received from the Government of U.P., some organisation held a series of demonstrations at Varanasi against the shooting of the film 'Water' from 30.1.2000 to 8.2.2000.

(c) Adequate security measures including deployment of State Police, PAC and Rapid Action Force were taken by the State Government. In view of these protests and to maintain peace the District Administration stopped the shooting of the film for a period of two weeks w.e.f. 7.2.2000.

Although 'Public Order' which appears at Entry No. I under List II—; State List of the VII Schedule of the Constitution of India 'Public Order' is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, yet, the Central Government shares intelligence and sends advisories to the States in this regard and also provides Central Para Military Forces on specific requests. For maintenance of peace and Communal. Harmony.

**Seizure of Fake Currency**

†653. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) the amount of fake currency notes seized during each of the last three years;

(b) the sources of these fake currency notes:

(c) whether it is a fact that incidents of smuggling of fake currency notes into India have increased during the current year if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to tackle the problem of fake currency notes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Available information about the amount of fake currency notes seized during the last 3 years is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) Fake Indian currency notes are being fabricated in India through a variety of techniques involving the use of printing presses, colour photocopiers, scanners and colour printers. These are also being clandestinely inducted from across the Indo-Pak and Indo- Nepal borders.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) A Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Finance on 22nd February, 2000 for examining cases of counterfeit currency notes and to recommend remedial measures that should be taken by the note printing presses from time to time. The Committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

It may be mentioned that the Reserve Bank of India issues press releases from time to time to enable the public to disinguish between genuine and fake currency notes.

In order to combat counterfeiting, currency notes are also now printed with additional security features. The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a Special Unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that such currency notes are not smuggled into the country.

**Statement**

*Counterfeit Currency Recovered/Seized during the Years 1997 to 1999 (In Rs.)*

| Year | Recovered | Seized | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1997 | 10,25,089 | 3,45,45,160 | 3,55,70,249 |
| 1998 | 15,47,935 | 49,49,192 | 64,97,127 |
| 1999 | 84,97,065 | 98,38,250 | 1,83,35,315 |
| TOTAL | 1,10,70,089 | 4,93,32,602 | 6,04,02,691 |

**Attack by terrorists in J and K**

† 654. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the month-wise details of attacks mounted by the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, bombs hurled and the places where bombs hurled by them during November 1999 and January 2000 after the Kargil war; and

(b) the number of soldiers, civilians killed and the details of property

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